GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the power projects have not performed properly during the last five years;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to bring changes in respect of these power projects;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to bring amendment in Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) and Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 21 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2007 REGARDING POWER PROJECTS.

(a) : The performance of power plants is assessed/gauged in terms of actual generation vis-Ã -vis their generation target. The generation targets are fixed for the power stations on a year to year basis, keeping in view their installed capacity, age of the units, past performance, planned outages, likely availability of water/fuel (both quantity and quality), etc. While availability of water during monsoon and non-monsoon season as well as irrigation requirements influence performance of hydro-power stations, the quality and availability of fuel have a bearing on the performance of thermal power stations. Therefore, the actual generation achieved by some power plants is at variation with the target. However, some old power plants, particularly in the state sector need improvement in performance parameters.

(b) : While renovation, modernization and life extension of old and inefficient generating units not performing upto the required level continues to remain a long-term measure, a `Partnership in Excellence` Programme was initiated by the Ministry in August, 2005 at 22 Thermal Power Stations (TPSs) covering 70 units with an installed capacity of 7880 MW to improve the performance of these units operating at PLF (Plant Load Factor) below 60 % through a tie-up with well performing power utilities.

Operation of gas based power stations through spot purchase of LNG and liquid fuel is also being done to the extent feasible or viable in order to enhance utilization of gas based power stations.

(c) & (d) : Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) and Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) are under review by the Government.

The focus of the restructured APDRP is proposed to be on actual, demonstrable performance in terms of loss reduction.